



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT**

**WHITEWATER TRAIL #207.1 SEGMENT
TEMPORARY HEALTH AND SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER
(Revised)**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area and on the trails described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Catron County within the State of New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on the trail. **36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

As shown in Exhibit A, the Restricted Area is all National Forest System lands within the Whitewater Creek drainage along a segment of the Whitewater Trail (#207.1). The Restricted Area begins 0.25 miles upstream from the end of the suspended metal Catwalk, extending to the top of the canyon ridges on both the north and south sides of Whitewater Creek. Then continuing along the ridge tops east for approximately 0.40 miles and terminates at the intersection of Whitewater Creek and Gold Dust trail (#41).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety due to an unstable geologic formation, until scaling mitigation work can be completed.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on the 9th of June 2022, at 06:00 a.m., and will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. January 30, 2023, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the NF, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notice>.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Glenwood Ranger District located in Glenwood, NM, telephone number 575-539-2481, and at the Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City, NM, telephone number 575-388-8201.
5. This Order is revised and supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 8th day of June, 2022.

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